

## LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A ball screw comprising:

with a spindle; a first thread groove formed on the spindle;

a spindle nut (2) arranged on a the spindle (1), a second thread groove formed in the spindle nut, the first and second thread grooves being respectively shaped and positioned to together form a thread path;

~~and also with balls (3), which are arranged in such a way that they can roll in a the thread path; (4), the thread path (4) being formed by a thread groove (5) formed on the spindle (1) and by a thread groove (5) formed on the spindle nut (2), and with~~

a receptacle in the spindle nut and opening to the spindle;

~~at least one deflecting piece (8), which is arranged in a the receptacle (7) of the spindle nut, (2) and has a the deflecting piece including a deflecting channel (9) shaped and directed for the return of returning the balls in the thread path (3) respectively from a run-out end (10) to a run-in end (11) of at least one common turn (12) of the thread path, (4), wherein the deflecting piece (8) is composed comprised of two partial deflecting pieces (13, 14), and is shaped such that a parting plane dividing divides the deflecting channel (9) longitudinally.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The ball screw as claimed in claim 1, in which the deflecting channel (9) is defined and bounded by a base (21) and two spaced apart side plates attached to the base (22, 23) of the deflecting piece (8), the one of the side plate (22) plates being formed on the one partial deflecting piece (13) and the other of the side plate (23) plates being formed on the other partial deflecting piece (14).

3. (Currently Amended) The ball screw as claimed in claim 1, in which the two partial deflecting pieces (13, 14) are captively connected to one another, ~~in particular by a film hinge.~~

4. (Currently Amended) The ball screw as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~in which~~ the two partial deflecting pieces (~~13, 14~~) are formed point-symmetrically in a sectional plane arranged transversely to the parting plane, with respect to a point of symmetry lying in the parting plane.

5. (Currently Amended) The ball screw as claimed in claim 1, wherein each of the ~~in which~~ both side plates (~~22, 23~~) ~~are respectively~~ is provided at its respective ~~their~~ free end, facing the thread groove (5) of the spindle, with a respective blade (~~24, 25~~) for engagement between at least one of the balls the ball (3) and the first thread groove (5) of the spindle (1).

6. (Currently Amended) The ball screw as claimed in claim 1, wherein there is a ~~in which~~ the clear distance between the two free ends of the side plates (~~22, 23~~) that is less than the ball diameter.

7. (Currently Amended) The ball screw as claimed in claim 1, further comprising ~~in which~~ the deflecting piece (8) ~~engages~~ engaging the ball guiding surfaces ~~with ball guiding surfaces (26, 27) in the thread groove (5) of the spindle (1), in order to lift the balls (3) off from the first thread groove (5) of the spindle (1).~~

8. (Currently Amended) The ball screw as claimed in claim 1, in which each of the both partial deflecting pieces is (~~13, 14~~) ~~are~~ respectively provided with a hook (17) and with a hook receptacle (18), a the hook (17) and a the hook receptacle (18) of each of the two partial deflecting pieces (~~13, 14~~) being respectively so placed and shaped that each hook hooks into the hook receptacle of the other deflecting piece so that the deflecting pieces ~~able to hook in one another~~[[,]] gripping and grip one another.

9. (Currently Amended) The ball screw as claimed in claim 6, wherein ~~claims 4 and 8, in which~~ the hook (17) is provided at ~~the~~ one circumferential end of each partial deflecting piece (~~13, 14~~) and the hook receptacle (18) is provided at ~~the~~ an opposite, other circumferential end.

10. (Currently Amended) The ball screw as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~in which~~ each of the deflecting ~~piece~~ pieces is produced in particular from thermoplastic material by the an injection-molding process.

11. (New) The ball screw as claimed in claim 3, wherein the deflecting pieces are connected by a film hinge